in 1999 on his own initiative, which has been circulated to Shiromani Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee, Amritsar, National Commission for Minorities and the concerned State Governments/UTs for their views and suggestions, which are awaited.

The Ravi-Beas Waters Tribunal is seized of the issue regarding sharing of River Waters between the States of Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan. With respect to Territorial Claims between Punjab and Haryana, Government of India would like the concerned States to amicably sort out their differences over the issue and would be willing to help in the matter.

Foreign Money for NGOs in Maharashtra

1436. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of funds received from foreign countries during the last one year, till date, by religious, social and voluntary organisations in Maharashtra, month wise; and

(b) whether such organisations have so far intimated to Government about the receipt/utilisation of said funds; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) The details of foreign contribution received by voluntary associations, including religious and social ones in Maharashtra, under the provisions of Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976, have been published in the Annual Report brought out by the Ministry of Home Affairs (Foreigners Division). Copies of the Annual Report (upto 1997-98) have been placed in the Parliament Library. The Annual Report for 1998-99 is being compiled.

Easy Availability of Arms Licences/in Nagaland

1437. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the issuing of arms licences freely by Nagaland authorities bypassing the mandatory scrutiny process and that obtaining of arms licences by people in neighbouring areas of Nagaland has become easy because of free availability;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what measures have been taken by Government to check and discourage procurement of arms by undesirable and anti-social elements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) Instances of certain Nagaland authorities issuing arms licences without strictly following the prescribed procedures have come to notice. Such licences have also been issued to people from outside Nagaland, including Maharashtra, Gujarat, UP and Bihar.

(c) Instructions have been issued to the State Governments from time to time suggesting, *inter-alia,* that:

(i) provisions of the Arms Act/Rules and instructions-guidelines issued by the Central Government from time to time be strictly and scrupulously adhered;

(ii) frequent surprise checks of licensed dealers may be carried out by law enforcement agencies;

(iii) specialised investigating units may be set up in States where the crime is rampant.

Lifting the Ban on Lottery

1438. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the Delhi Government for the lifting of ban on lotteries in the Capital;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.